

REMARKS:

Claims 13 through 27 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lehmann '345.

In response thereto, the applicant has amended claim 13 to incorporate features of former claims 22 and 23 which have accordingly been cancelled. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to be dependent upon new claim 13 in view of the cancellation of claim 23. New claim 13 specifies that the first and second elongated holes are curved in a shape corresponding to a rounded shape of a concrete wall formed by the concrete formwork. Moreover, the spindle recitation has been clarified to specify that the spindle is disposed between and cooperates directly with the first and the second connecting means for adjusting the curvature of the concrete wall. The applicant believes that claim 13 as amended is sufficiently distinguished from the prior art of record for the following reasons.

Lehmann concerns a flexible formwork element having angular members which are previously bent to a fixed desired curvature at the factory. The formwork element is then brought to the desired radius by bolting it to the pre-formed angular members. In the event that the radius of the concrete formwork is to be changed, new angular members must be produced at the factory. In contrast thereto, the instant invention as now claimed, recites structures which directly permits adjustment of the formwork to an arbitrary desired radius at the construction site by means of interaction between the spindles and the first and second connecting means extending through the rounded first and second elongated holes. As the separation between the first and second connecting means is changed through cooperation with the spindle, the radius of curvature of

the formwork can be adjusted, thereby permitting definition of a desired curvature.

The invention recites features not disclosed by the prior art of record, having associated advantages and is therefore sufficiently distinguished from that prior art to satisfy the conditions for patenting in the United States. Entry of amendment and passage to issuance is accordingly requested.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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